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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), an extension of time of one (1) month (from February 16, 2006 to March 16, 2006) within which to respond to the Office Action dated November 16, 2005 is requested. A check in the amount of \$60.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the extension fee. Applicant(s) is/are entitled to small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR 1.27. The Commissioner is authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 16-0631 any underpayments, overpayments or additionally required fees.

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